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SUBJECT: SUNY UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT PROGRAM

SUMMARY. ON NOVEMBER 23, RODNEY PATTERSON, HEAD OF SUNY STUDENT GROUP AT THOREZ INSTITUTE, RECOUNTED TO P&C COUNSELOR AND CAO RECENT INCIDENT OF MINOR VANDALISM IN ROOM SHARED BY FIVE SUNY STUDENTS. PATTERSON HAS URGED STUDENTS NOT TO SPECULATE ON PERPETRATOR IN ORDER NOT TO ENCOURAGE "REVENGE" ACTIONS BY SOVIET FRIENDS OF SUNY STUDENTS INVOLVED. PATTERSON NOTES THAT, AFTER OVERCOMING INITIAL ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS, STUDENTS ARE NOW SATISFIED WITH OVERALL PROGRAM, AND THAT HE DOES NOT WANT TO JEOPARDIZE WORTH-WHILE PROJECT BY EXPLOITING UNPLEASANT, BUT MINOR, INDICENT. IN GENERAL REVIEW CURRENT STATUS EXCHANGE PROGRAMS IN MFA CULTURAL DIVISION, WITH AMERICAN DESK CHIEF IVAN AZAROV AND DIVISION DEPUTY VALENTIN ALEKSEYEVICH KOROLEV, ON NOVEMBER 26 P&C COUNSELOR CALLED INCIDENT TO MFA'S ATTENTION. ON SAME DAY NOTE ASKING FOR PROMPT ACTION IN APPREHENDING CULPRIT WAS DELIVERED TO MFA USA DIVISION (SEPTTEL). END SUMMARY.

1. AT ABOUT 2230 ON NOVEMBER 20, PATTERSON WAS
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INFORMED BY ONE OF THE STUDENTS LODGED IN THE "DOM

ASPIRANTIY" (HE LIVES IN THE UNIVERSITY HOTEL) THAT DURING HER TEMPORARY ABSENCE IN A ROOM ACROSS THE HALL AND WHILE HER ROOMMATES WERE AT THE BALLET, A TABLE AND TWO OF THE FIVE BEDS IN THEIR ROOM HAD BEEN OVERTURNED, AND THE CONTENTS OF SOME DRAWERS STREWN ABOUT. DAMAGE WAS MINOR; ONLY SOME SPECIALLY ETCHED DRINKING GLASSES PRESENTED TO THE GIRLS BY SOVIET FRIENDS WERE BROKEN. A SOVIET STUDENT NOTIFIED THE "ADMINISTRATOR" OF THE DORMITORY AND THE SOVIET COORDINATOR OF THE SUNY-THOREZ PROGRAM, IGOR VLADISLAVEYEVICH POLUYAN. WHEN DR. PATTERSON WAS CALLING THE POLICE. MR. POLUYAN SAID HE WAS DISTURBED AT THE EPISODE BUT THERE WAS NOTHING HE COULD DO. THE PLAINCLOTHES MAN, IVANOV OF PRECINCT 91, LOOKED THINGS OVER CALMLY, TOOK NO NOTES AND BEFORE LEAVING ASKED TO BE INFORMED LATER IF IT TURNED OUT THAT SOMETHING HAD BEEN STOLEN. THE SUNY STUDENT AND DR. PATTERSON PHOTOGRAPHED THE DISARRAY BEFORE STRAIGHTENING UP THE ROOM PRIOR TO THE RETURN OF ITS OTHER OCCUPANTS. BEFORE DEPARTING FOR HIS HOTEL, DR. PATTERSON SUGGESTED TO THE ADMINISTRATOR THAT SHE QUESTION ALL OCCUPANTS OF THE DORMITORY. HE LEARNED ON NOVEMBER 23 THAT SHE HAD QUESTIONED ONLY THE SUNY STUDENTS, AND LOOKED UPON THE INCIDENT AS A JOKE ("PROSTO SHUTKA"). THE DETECTIVE HAS NOT BEEN HEARD FROM SINCE. DR. PATTERSON HAS PROTESTED THIS IN CASUAL ATTITUDE TO THOREZ INSTITUTE PRO-RECTOR KOLSHANSKIY AND DEAN FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS LUZAN ON NOVEMBER 24.

2. ACCORDING TO DR. PATTERSON, SUNY STUDENTS ARE CONTINUING THEIR COURSE OF STUDIES WITHOUT VISIBLE EFFECT OF THE ABOVE INCIDENT. HE MINIMIZES IT PER SE BUT IS DISPLEASED AT THE LACK OF CONCERN EXPRESSED. DURING THANKSGIVING DINNER AT HOME OF CAO, PATTERSON AND STUDENTS EXHIBITED FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIP WITH THOREZ COORDINATOR, DEAN FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS AND TEACHERS WHOM THEY HAD INVITED.

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